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Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on November 15, 2005. A Petition for a One-Month Extension is enclosed. Please amend the subject patent application as described below.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 3 of this paper.

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